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BRANDENBURG-INDUSTRIEHAFEN Airfield (October 1952).

1. Aircraft.

(a) <u>6 Oct. 52</u>	<u>11 Oct. 52.</u>	<u>17 Oct. 52.</u>	<u>24 Oct. 52.</u>	<u>31 Oct. 52.</u>
87 IL 10s	NIL.	30 IL 10s	30 IL 10s	30 IL 10s

(b) On 30 Oct. 52, the aircraft were parked in two lines abreast facing West in front of the hangar/barracks area to the North of the runway.

(c) Markings were unchanged. [REDACTED]

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2. Flying.

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(a) [REDACTED] a large number of aircraft departed during the night 10/11 October. The airfield was empty on the morning of 11 October. There was no corresponding road or rail despatch of ground staff or equipment. Approximately 30 aircraft returned on the afternoon of 17 October and further aircraft returned on the morning of 24 October.

(b) 3 Oct. 52. Up to 70 aircraft took part in flying throughout the hours of daylight. Aircraft flew in formation of 4, 6, 9 or 16 in line abreast, several formations being in the air at the same time. Two radio vehicles (vans) were parked 500 m to the North of the centre of the runway. One, [REDACTED] had a rod aerial of an estimated height of 6 m on the rear edge of the roof. The other vehicle showed/

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showed a similar serial of an estimated height of 5 m.

(c) 6 Oct. 52. A few aircraft were flying short sorties singly. There was no radio vehicle on the airfield. The majority of the aircraft were encased with protective cloth coverings and were being serviced. 6 small electric [] moving between the aircraft. Occasionally the engine of a parked aircraft was started up.

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(d) 9 Oct. 52. Approximately 50 IL 10s were taking part in flying during the morning. 2 IL 10s remained parked. Aircraft flew in formation 4, 5, 11 and 16 in line abreast. At 11.30 hours 51 aircraft were in the air at the same time.

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5. FOL.

- (a) The compound to the north of NEUENDORF (marked "A" on attached sketch map of the airfield) used for the storage of fuel drums has now been surrounded with an earth embankment. The number of drums has been increased to 200.
- (b) On 24 Oct. 52, fourteen cistern wagons were standing on the siding to the South of the hangar area. Two [] were being emptied into bowlers []

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6. Ammunition Dumps.

- (a) The building at the South-Western corner of the airfield near the Y-junction of the railway siding (marked "B" on attached sketch map of the airfield) is now surrounded with a barbed wire apron fence. According to residents of NEUENDORF it is being used as an ammunition dump.
- (b) A compound lying on the South-Western edge of the airfield approximately 150 m to the South of the Western end of the runway (marked "C" on attached sketch map of the airfield) is believed to be used for the storage of ammunition. [] from the ammunition dump Kummerle Strasse immediately to the South of the hangar area (marked "H") have been seen to deliver boxes to this compound.

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7. Aircraft Shelters.

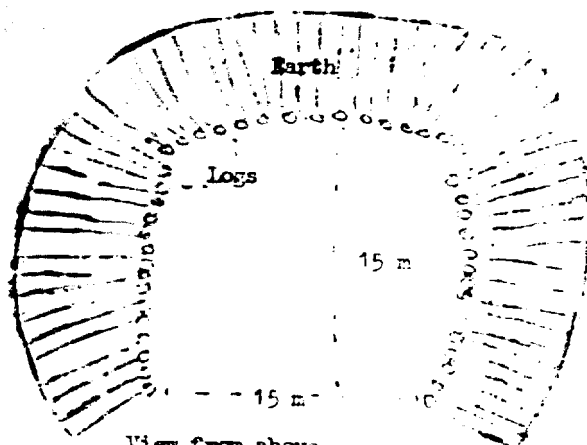
- (a) Aircraft shelters are now under construction along the Northern, Western and Southern edges of the airfield. Eleven shelters have been completed at the North-Eastern corner of the airfield (marked "D" on attached sketch map), 9 along the Northern edge (marked "E"), 12 along the/

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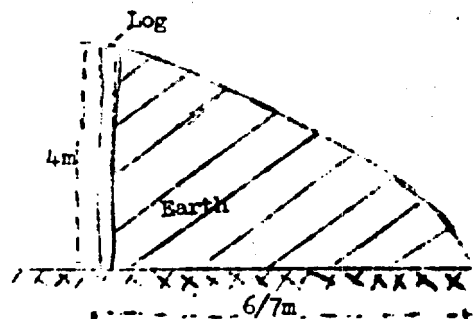
the Western edge (marked "F") and 7 along the Southern edge (marked "G"). Approximately a further 60 shelters are under construction or indicated by the dumping of building material.

(b) The shelters have now been perceived to be of the following construction and dimensions:-



View from above.

(NOT TO SCALE).



Cross section of wall.

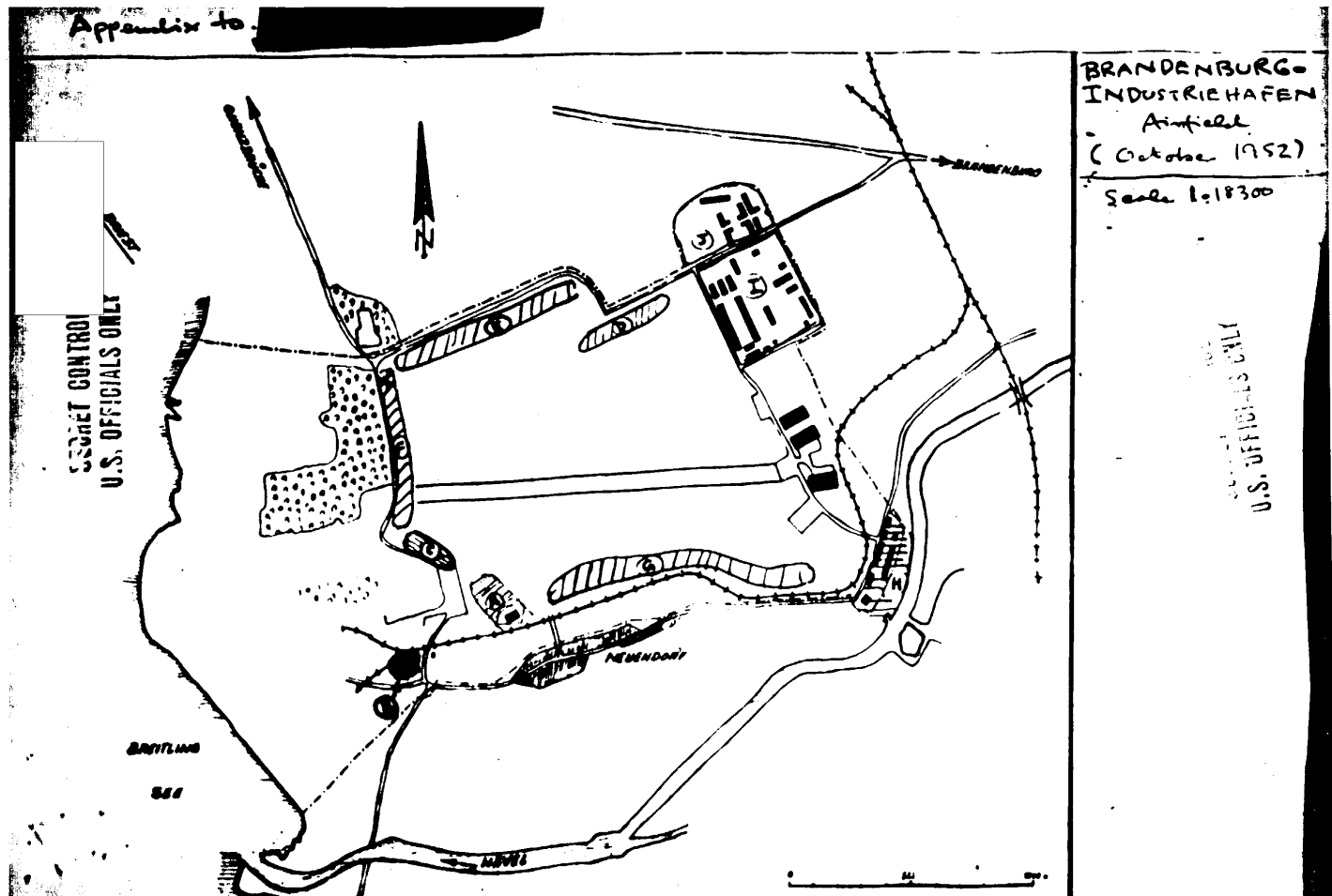
- (c) (i) On 28 Oct. 52, eight O-wagons with logs arrived on the railway siding to the South of the airfield.
- (ii) During most of the month 150 to 200 men were engaged on constructing shelters. Construction was speeded up considerably during the last week of the month. On 31 Oct. 52, over 400 men were working on 20 shelters. Tractors drawing trailers loaded with earth were seen for the first time on the airfield.
- (iii) Since 24 Oct. 52, three of the completed shelters along the Southern edge of the airfield have been guarded by SAF sentries armed with machine-carbines.

B. Garrison.

The SAF unit of this airfield is estimated to be 500 strong and is accommodated in the Southern part of the Pioneer Kaserne (marked "I" on attached sketch map). This part of the barracks is estimated to have a capacity for 1500 to 2000 troops. The Northern part of the Pioneer Kaserne (marked "J") is occupied by tank troops.

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KOETHEN Airfield

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Aircraft Count

1. On 18th November 52, 12 MIG 15 aircraft were observed at this airfield; of these 6 were without any covering and appeared ready to take off. A further six were dispersed on the north side of the airfield between the hangars.

Aircraft Markings etc.

2. The above aircraft were silver-grey in colour and showed the conventional Soviet red star on the fuselage and tail fin. No flying activity was observed: the weather conditions at the time of observation were 10/10ths cloud with poor visibility.

Runway Approach Lighting and W/T Installation

3. The 7 small searchlights extending from the east end of the runway are still in position and a W/T mast is still situated at the end of this chain. The lights face away from the runway.

Flak

4. No flak was observed.

Personnel

5. The airfield is estimated to have a strength of 400 men. The ages of personnel were estimated to be as follows:-

Troops including guards
NCO's
Officers

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Uniform

6. Troops including NCO's and guards wore pale blue SB's with black piping; some wore the flying badge (Fliegerabzeichen). Officers wore either gold or silver SB's with pale blue piping and most of them had gold cap badges and the flying badge (Fliegerabzeichen).

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7. The following vehicles were seen in the vicinity of the airfield:

W/T vehicle, SAF driver, proceeding from the town towards the airfield

LKW, SAF driver, carrying SAP troops towards the town

LKW, SAF driver, carrying little if anything, proceeding towards the airfield.

LKW, SAF driver, carrying little if anything, seen in the town proceeding towards the railway station.

Aircraft Shelters

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8. Fifteen to twenty aircraft shelters have been erected on the east side of the airfield along the KOETHEN - BAASDORF road, close behind the boundary fence. These shelters are U-shaped and are constructed out of wooden posts and boards, with earth piled up on the outside. No roofing or covering of any sort was observed. Work was in progress on one of the walls.

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Air
NEAREST Airfield Spotcheck (approx. 1500 - 1700 hours)

1. Lay-out: See Appendix "A".
2. Aircraft:
 - (a) Number: 12
 - (b) Type: 12 MIG-15s (all hangar doors were closed).
3. Weather:

Visibility:	Approx. 4 km.
Direction of wind:	From approx. 250°.
Speed of wind:	2/3 mps.
Cloud base:	Approx. 1800 m.
Cloud cover:	9/10.
General:	Overcast.

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(b) Reference
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6. AA Sites:

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- (a) Six x 3.7 cm. Dofors AA Guns are in position at point 18 at Appendix "A". A wooden barrack hut, approx. 25 m. x 7 m. is being built at point 22 at Appendix "A".
- (b) In the woods at point 19 at Appendix "A", 2 larger AA Guns (calibre approx. 120 mm) covered with camouflage nettings, were observed.

7. Personnel: No change.

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8. Vehicle Numbers:

	"
	Jeep
	"

Driver with black/red sbds. Entered the airfield.
 SLP driver. Entered the airfield.
 Driver and mtc with black/red sbds. Left the airfield.
 SLP driver. Left the airfield.

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KEY TO APPENDIX "A"

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| 1. Hangar. | 23. Starting [] with |
| 2. Major repair hangar. | whip aerial. |
| 3. Hangar. | 24. 6 MIG-15s. |
| 4. " | 25. 3 " |
| 5. Air traffic control building. | 26. 3 " |
| 6. Fire section. | 27. 2 jeeps. |
| 7. Fuel point. | 28. 1 tanker lorry. |
| 8. Wooden sheds. | 29. 2 covered-in lorries. |
| 9. DUMCO type radio, 1 W/T lorry and 4 tents. | 30. 1 [] |
| 10. W/T transmitting station. | 31. 4 wooden huts. |
| 11. Aerial array. | 32. 4 [] |
| 12. Static W/T station, 2 aerial masts, small wooden hut, W/T lorry and accommodation huts. | 33. Approx. 10 m. high mast. |
| 13. ADCC Type D/F Station. | 34. " 15 m. " |
| 14. Static W/T station, radio hut, W/T lorry, and living accommodation. | 35. [] with aerial |
| 15. Load-in lights. | approx. 12 m. high. |
| 16. 25 m. rubber cable. | 36. Telephone pole. |
| 17. 2 sheds. | 37. Searchlight. |
| 18. 6 x 3.7 cm. AA Guns. | |
| 19. 2 camouflaged AA Guns. | |
| 20. 6 lorries. | |
| 21. 2 large tents. | |
| 22. Wooden barrack hut 25 x 7 m. | |

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